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THE GENERAL THREATS AGAIN

EAST TIMORESE LIBERATION ARMY KILLS THIRTY ONE INDONESIAN SOLDIERS

The Indonesian Defence Minister,Mr L.B.Moerdani was in East Timor after the visit to Dili of the US ambassador,Mr Monjol.

He held a meeting at the office of the "Regional People's Representative Council"in Caicoli,Dili,to which about 400 people, most of them military officials,were ordered to attend .

Moerdani,stated that he would use the Indonesian Armed Forces to wipe out the students' peaceful movements in support of FRETILIN. A secret tape of his speech was passed to the Australian newspaper "The Sunday Herald". He accused some senior officials of being "traitors"who actively support FRETILIN. He also informed the audience that a battalion called "Merpati Putih" is already in East Timor to destroy any independent or anti-Indonesian movement. "There will be no independent East Timor.There is no Timorese nation,there is only the Indonesian nation.Don't even dream about a nation of East Timor.Don't even talk about a nation of East Timor "General Moerdani said.

In a message to FRETILIN's Australian representative,East Timorese student leaders described his statements as very serious but they said "there is nothing in the world capable of stopping us from fighting for self-determination and independence for East Timor".

The students also claimed that in February the East Timorese Liberation Army ambushed and killed eight Indonesian soldiers in Los Palos,ten in Viqueque,six in Baucau, four in Same and three in Manatuto.

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FRETILIN ABORTS INDONESIAN'S TRAP

In the beginning of November the Indonesian authorities in Dili,East Timor spread propaganda throughout the territory that the priests,Leao and Cunha, were planning to land weapons at Taci Tolu on November 28th 1989, the date of the independence of East Timor unilaterally proclaimed by FRETILIN, to fight the Indonesian forces in East Timor. The two priests were in the United States of America for some time and had already returned to East Timor,when the propaganda circulated.

The Indonesian plan was to entice people to Taci Tolu to kill or arrest them. But FRETILIN clandestine groups detected the trap beforehand and made sure that students and ordinary people didn't fall into the enemy's trap.

At the same time, leaflets insulting students,priests and FRETILIN were distributed in the streets after being dropped by military helicopters and spread by cars of the Indonesian Information Department in East Timor.

The students responded by leafleting all over the town , calling for independence.

On November 28th 1989,the roads of Taci Tolu were deserted. There were only Indonesian soldiers patrolling there.

INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE USES CHILDREN TO SPY

The Indonesian Intelligence Service is teaching children how to act as spies.

Some of these children informed our clandestine groups. They are paid 25,000 Rupiah each,whenever a clandestine activity is found out.

They are also instructed to spy on their own parents and other relatives.

PRABOWO ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO DILI

Colonel Prabowo, the commander of 328th battalion,and son--in-law of President Suharto was in Dili, on a private visit to meet his collaborators to plan a new military operation in East Timor.

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Prabowo and his battalion were operating in East Timor last year, with the aim of destroying FRETILIN and FALINTIL and capturing Xanana, the commander of the armed resistance.

Prabowo left the country after the Pope's visit. He didn't succeed in the military operations carried out, due to the experience of the guerrillas and the conflicts raised between him and the Indonesian authorities and the local Church in East Timor.

EXECUTIONS AND DISAPPEARANCES

Los Palos : Miguel da Costa was shot to death in December by Indonesian soldiers when he was in the forest gathering edible plants.

Baucau : Tomas Pinto was shot to death by Indonesian soldiers during a military operation.

Dili : Vicente Ximenes was arrested in January by soldiers. His whereabouts is unknown. His wife Isabel Varudo looked for him in several detention places, but there was not any sign of him.

Octavio Monteiro, a FRETILIN cadre of the clandestine resistance was found dead in Comoro,Dili,on December 12th 1989 . According to our sources he was killed by Indonesian Intelligence.

About 200 people alleged to be FRETILIN sympathisers,are obliged to present themselves every week at Indonesian subdistrict command centres.

Gleno : About one thousand residents of Gleno were summoned and interrogated by the district command,which suspected them of working for FRETILIN. They could be arrested at any time. The atmosphere of terror has increased since January,residents told our sources.

Gleno is a small town located about sixty kilometres west of Dili.

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